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2/15/03

Re: Unsinkable Vessel System
App. No. V101055,331 Filed 1/25/02

Dear Mr. Bussinger,

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My attorney is withdrawing from this case and I will have to continue prosecuting this case prose. I already have mailed a further amendment and response (reargument) pursuant Rule 116(b) and hope that you will allow it. It was mailed 2/14/03, however facility processing and the 2/17/03 President's Day Holiday may delay it some, but you can expect it shortly. Please do not forward any papers I request to my attorney, he has not complied with your request to forward the papers I requested in my 10/1/02 letter to the PTO and will likely withhold any papers you send him subsequently. Send any and all papers I request to me directly.

I am writing this letter to request that you provide me with the necessary



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appeal forms, fee schedules, and any instructional literature on how to file an appeal, its contents, etc. to the BAPI that the PTO publishes. I am making this request to you, because the PTO usually takes up to 3 months to reply to my requests and correspondences and that would fall well beyond the statutory 3 month limit from the Final Office Action to file an appeal notice. I am struggling financially and can not afford to buy an extension, so I must keep my costs down to a minimum so that I can adequately keep up with my other financial obligations, such as paying my attorney, doctor, etc. I can barely keep up with paying the professionals I have steadily hired and they are not very emphatic to my financial plight.

Please send me the appeal forms, etc., a.s.a.p. despite whether you permit my amendment, or not. (I have many other inventions I hope to file for a patent and I would like to be prepared before-hand in the event those Examiners reject my application, as well.) Thank you.

Sincerely,

INVENTOR - ENTREPRENEUR